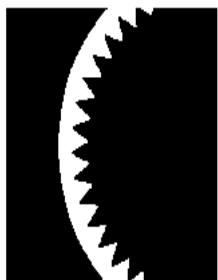


The Three Holy Days of Christendom

Holy Week 2013



The Triduum (TRID-oo-um, “three days”) refers to the time from worship on Maundy Thursday until the final worship of Easter Day. The “Three Holy Days” of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire church year. It is over these days – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter – that we celebrate God’s redeeming love in the dying and rising of his Son, Jesus, and still see that love today. The Triduum is a single celebration. Once we have begun the Triduum on Maundy Thursday, we do not “leave” it until Easter Sunday. It is one continuous celebration of dying and rising, with Christ. Thus this booklet. It contains as one liturgy our corporate worship life during the Three Holy Days of 2013.

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Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today. Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

Maundy Thursday Worship

March 28, 2013

Maundy Thursday ushers the believer into the “Three Holy Days” of Christendom. It is more than history that is celebrated today. The Holy Sacrament extends to the believer the very body and blood of our Savior and gives the forgiveness of sins.



STAND

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

To underscore the end of the Lenten time of preparation, the sermon is placed at the beginning of the service. When placed here, the proclamation of the “new command” in the sermon provides (both by its placement and content) a powerful preamble to the Instruction for the End of Lent and the confession that follows.

SERMON

The Lamb

Revelation 5:6-10

Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God’s people. And they sang a new song, saying:

“You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because you were slain,
and with your blood you purchased for God
persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.
You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,
and they will reign on the earth.”

INSTRUCTION FOR THE END OF LENT

M: In this Lenten season, we have heard our Lord’s call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil – all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were committed at baptism; God’s forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior.

With the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the Absolution we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt, but firmly believe that thereby our sins are forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant.

It is, however, in the Holy Communion that the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's last supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of himself and participate in that new covenant that makes us one in him. The Lord's Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

STAND

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart. I have pursued my ways instead of your ways. In what I have done and left undone, I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.

I am truly sorry for my sins.

I repent of them.

I beg for your mercy, O Lord.

Silence for meditation

M: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for us.

C: Cleanse me from my sins.

Release me from my guilt.

Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.

M: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake he forgives us our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Our Lord, who has forgiven us and reconciled us to God through Christ our Lord, has also promised us the power to forgive and love each other. Therefore, let us be reconciled with one another and extend to each other the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Brothers and sisters, I forgive you just as in Christ, God has forgiven me. May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD (sung)

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love. You take away our sins; you comfort our spirit; you make us pure and holy in your sight. You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all.

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us; you made your Father known; you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the King of glory; you are the Lord!

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on the cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

"The days are coming," declares the LORD,

"when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.

It will not be like the covenant

I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,

because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to them,"

declares the LORD.

"This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel
after that time," declares the LORD.

"I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,

and they will be my people.

No longer will a man teach his neighbor,

or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,'
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,"
declares the LORD.

"For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more."

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 116 (page 56 of CWS)

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 10:15-25

The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says:

"This is the covenant I will make with them
after that time, says the Lord.

I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds. "

Then he adds:

"Their sins and lawless acts
I will remember no more. "

And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin.

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

VERSE OF THE DAY

As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

STAND

GOSPEL

Luke 22:7-20

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."

"Where do you want us to prepare for it?" they asked.

He replied, "As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, and say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large upper room, all furnished. Make preparations there."

They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

C: (sung) **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior" CW 313

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

STAND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the president of our synod, for the president of our district, for all pastors and teachers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For those who do not yet believe and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For a blessing on human labor and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart and show forth your glory in all we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For ourselves, for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and all our lives to Christ our God.

C: Amen.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: (sung) **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: (sung) **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: (sung) **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours

but also for the sins of the whole world. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: (sung) **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory. You are my God and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks for you have become my salvation. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus, Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (spoken) **Amen.**

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

C: (sung) **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. Amen.**

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith we practice close communion. All WELS members are welcome to commune with us.

HYMNS “Lamb of God”

Grades 3-4 (11:00 a.m.) Choir (7:00 p.m.)

“The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord”

Hymn 135

“What Bread Is This?”

Hymn 742

THANKSGIVING

STAND

O LORD, WE PRAISE YOU (sung)

Hymn 317:1

**C: O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and adore you,
In thanksgiving bow before you.
Here with your body and your blood you nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish. O Lord, have mercy!
May your body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And your blood for us plead In all trial, fear, and need:
O Lord, have mercy!**

M: Hear the prayers of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son, may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

BE SEATED

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The post-Communion moves liturgically from the upper room in Jerusalem to Gethsemane's Garden in preparation for Good Friday. The altar, which represents the presence of Christ, becomes the focus. After the Communion table has been cleared to the sacristy, the altar is solemnly stripped of its vestments and appointments in token of the abandonment of Jesus in Gethsemane. The liturgy ends in silence; the congregation hears no benediction . . . yet. Rather, the Three Holy Days' services flow into one another as the congregation disperses in silence to reassemble on Good Friday.

Hymn: *"What Wondrous Love is This" Hymn 120*
During the anthem the Communion vessels and linens are removed to sacristy

PSALM 22 (page 71 of CW)

During the psalm the altar is solemnly stripped. Psalm 22 leads us into the worship of Good Friday, where we see our Savior forsaken on the cross.

The Psalm ends, the pastor exits the chancel, and the congregation disperses quietly into the night. The service concludes with no blessing or postlude because Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter are one continuous service of our Lord's Passion and Resurrection.

If it is possible and convenient to you, please return the service folder to the stands by the doors in the rear of church as you leave. They will be used Friday and Sunday and may be taken home Sunday.

The Three Holy Days Worship continues on Good Friday. "Service of the Cross of Christ" will be at 11:00 a.m. Tenebrae worship will be at 7:30 p.m. Both services will have communion.

Good Friday Worship: Cross of Christ

March 29, 2013

The Three Holy Days of Christendom continue on Good Friday with a service that focuses our attention on the words Christ spoke while on the cross. In these words we see the depth of our Savior's suffering as well as the depth of his love for us.



The minister enters in silence.

Stand

LESSON

Isaiah 53

M: Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

C: He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

M: He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

C: Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.

M: But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

C: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

M: He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

C: By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken.

M: He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

C: Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

M: After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied ; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

C: Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Be seated

PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY

M: God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

First Word

Luke 23:26-34

Congregational Response:

Hymn 139:1

Prayer (in unison)

**O Lord Jesus Christ,
touch us with your hands
which the sins of the world pierced with the nails,
and forgive our ignorance,
for Lord, we knew not, indeed we know not what we did in sinning against you.
Touch us to forgive
and to bless, O Lord,
for your endless mercies' sake.**

Second Word

Luke 23:38-43

Congregational Response:

Hymn 139:2

Prayer (in unison)

**O Lord Jesus Christ,
look on us with your eyes
as you looked upon the thief on the cross,
that with him we may confess our sins and ask, humbly,
'Lord remember us when you come into your kingdom,'
and by your same voice be comforted,
for your endless mercies' sake.**

Third Word

John 19:25-27

Congregational Response:

Hymn 139:3

Prayer (in unison)

**O Lord Jesus Christ,
fill us with your love
as in your pain you did comfort your mother, and provide for her need,
and gave her both home and son.**

**To such love, without compare, without limit,
lead us, O Lord,
now and forever.**

Fourth Word

Matthew 27:45-49

Congregational Response:

Hymn 139:4

PRAYER (in unison)

**O Lord Jesus Christ,
fill us with your faith
since in your last agony you cried to your Father,
'My God, my God.'**

**That no suffering, no shadow of doubt may darken our trust in God,
nor separate us from your Father and ours,
now or ever.**

Fifth Word

John 19:28,29

Congregational Response:

Hymn 139:5

PRAYER (in unison)

**O Lord Jesus Christ,
lead us to see your thirst
as you suffered in your humanity,
that we might drink from you and never thirst again,
but live in your Father's house forever,
for your tender mercies' sake.**

Sixth Word

John 19:30

Congregational Response:

Hymn 139:6

PRAYER (in unison)

**O Lord Jesus Christ,
give us your strength
as you resolved to do your Father's work
and finish it.**

**That morning and evening we live in hope,
knowing that your great work for us is completed,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Seventh Word

Luke 23:33-46

Congregational Response:

Hymn 139:7

PRAYER (in unison)

**O Lord Jesus Christ,
give us your trust,
unquestioning, complete
as on the cross,
you committed your spirit to your Father.
That whatever may happen, we may rest
in the same everlasting arms,
for your endless mercies' sake. Amen.**

OFFERING

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Lord God, Heavenly Father, we acknowledge the immensity of our guilt. We can offer you nothing to remove these sins. We are unworthy of all your grace. Yet in your grace we have confidence. Through the life and death of Jesus Christ we cry out to you in the full assurance of faith,

C: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God has had mercy on you, on me, and on the entire world. Jesus' holiness is ours by faith. His death was the punishment for all sin. In Christ, you are a forgiven child of God.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus, Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (spoken) **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION

Hymn 138
It is Finished (Stephanie Beyer)
Hymn 140

BIDDING PRAYER

The invitations to prayer may be said by an assisting minister or layperson, and the petitions may be said by the presiding minister. If there is no assisting minister, the presiding minister says both the invitations to prayer and the petitions.

A moment of silence follows each invitation to prayer.

M: Let us pray for the whole church, that our gracious Father would defend her from the devil and keep her faithful to her Lord:

Silent prayer.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you have revealed your saving name to the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Protect us from assaults of the evil one, and help us remain faithful to your Word so that, in every adversity, we may stand firm in our faith and give ourselves fully to our Savior's work, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for those who serve in the public ministry and for all people of God:

Silent prayer.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you rule over all things for the good of your people. Preserve us from divisive spirits and false teachers. Give your servants the grace to proclaim Christ joyfully in word and deed so that all who hear them may come to know their Savior better and be strengthened for their lives of service, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for those who are being instructed in the Word that they remain firm in the simple faith of Baptism:

Silent prayer.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you make us your own dear children by the washing of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit. Give strength to all who are buried with Christ in Baptism that each day they may die to sin and rise again to live a new and holy life, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for our earthly government, our rulers, and all who are in authority:

Silent prayer.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you have established earthly government to keep a measure of order in this dying world and to protect us from the disorder of sin. Give to all rulers the wisdom to govern well and to all citizens the desire to obey them, so that we may live peaceful lives in all godliness and holiness, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray that our gracious Father would protect us and our communities from the many earthly calamities that threaten us:

Silent prayer.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, on all sides we are surrounded by danger from wars and famine, from disease and pestilence, with the devil begrudging us every minute of our lives. Protect us from all these miseries so that your name may still be glorified in them and so that we may safely pass through them to your heavenly kingdom, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for those who are outside the Church, that they may come to know the one, true God and Jesus Christ whom he has sent:

Silent prayer.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, your Son was lifted up on the cross so that he might draw all people to himself. Through the proclamation of your Word, mercifully gather from the nations a people that are your very own, that we may join together around your throne in glory to praise and thank you forever, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for our enemies and for all those who hate us:

Silent prayer.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, no one can harm us without grieving you whose name we bear. We ask that you would change the hearts of those who work against us and who hate us without reason. Give them repentance and life so that they may be glad with us and find joy in your love, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for all who suffer under cross and trial:

Silent prayer.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your Son into the world to bear our grief and to carry our sorrows. Help those who are suffering for your name's sake and who are struggling against temptation so that they may not be overwhelmed with sadness but find relief in your grace, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask in the words he himself has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

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Good Friday Worship continues with Tenebrae worship at 7:30 p.m. Communion will be a part of worship.

The Three Holy Days continues on Sunday. Easter Sunrise worship will be at 6:30 a.m. Easter Festival worship will be at 9:00 a.m. Communion will be a part of worship at both services.

Good Friday Worship: Tenebrae

April 6, 2012

The word tenebrae means “darkness” and refers to a worship service in which the progressive extinguishing of candles represent the approaching death of Christ. The Tenebrae service is one of prolonged meditation of the suffering of Christ. The service is divided into seven chief parts. The division is modeled after the seven-recorded statements of Christ from the cross. At the end of each part the sanctuary will become darker. At the end of the service, the church will be very dark. No offering will be taken during the service. As you leave in complete silence you may place your offering in the plate at the back of the church.



The candles are lit.

STAND

CONFESSION OF SINS

Silence for self-examination

M: Lord God, Heavenly Father, we acknowledge the immensity of our guilt. We can offer you nothing to remove these sins. We are unworthy of all your grace. Yet in your grace we have confidence. Through the life and death of Jesus Christ we cry out to you in the full assurance of faith,

C: **Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God has had mercy on you, on me, and on the entire world. Jesus' holiness is ours by faith. His death was the punishment for all sin. In Christ, you are a forgiven child of God.

C: **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

Hymn 100, Hymn 137

STAND

GOSPEL

M: A reading from the Gospel of St. John.

Carrying his own cross, Jesus went out to The Place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). Here they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read, JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.”

Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

"Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it."

This happened that the Scripture might be fulfilled which said, "They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing." So this is what the soldiers did.

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit (John 19:17-30).

BE SEATED

PSALM 2

Antiphon

M: The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.

M: Why do the nations conspire

C: **And the peoples plot in vain?**

M: The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together

C: **Against the LORD and against his Anointed One.**

M: "Let us break their chains," they say,

C: **"And throw off their fetters."**

M: The One enthroned in heaven laughs;

C: **The Lord scoffs at them.**

M: Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,

C: **"I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill."**

M: I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:

C: **He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.**

M: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance,

C: **The ends of the earth your possession.**

M: You will rule them with an iron scepter;

C: You will dash them to pieces like pottery.”

M: Therefore, you kings, be wise;

C: Be warned, you rulers of the earth.

M: Serve the LORD with fear.

C: And rejoice with trembling.

M: Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment.

C: Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

M: The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.

The first candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

Psalm 22:1-21

Antiphon

M: They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

M: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

C: Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

M: My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,

C: By night, and am not silent.

M: Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;

C: You are the praise of Israel.

M: In you our fathers put their trust;

C: They trusted and you delivered them.

M: They cried to you and were saved;

C: In you they trusted and were not disappointed.

M: But I am a worm and not a man,

C: Scorned by men and despised by the people.

M: All who see me mock me;

C: They hurl insults, shaking their heads:

M: “He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him.

C: Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.”

M: Yet you brought me out of the womb;

C: You made me trust in you even at my mother's breast.

M: From birth I was cast upon you;

C: From my mother's womb you have been my God.

M: Do not be far from me,

C: For trouble is near and there is no one to help.

M: Many bulls surround me;

C: Strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.

M: Roaring lions tearing their prey

C: Open their mouths wide against me.

M: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.

C: My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.

M: My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;

C: You lay me in the dust of death.

M: Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me,

C: They have pierced my hands and my feet.

M: I can count all my bones;

C: People stare and gloat over me.

M: They divide my garments among them

C: And cast lots for my clothing.

M: But you, O LORD, be not far off;

C: O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

M: Deliver my life from the sword,

C: My precious life from the power of the dogs.

M: Rescue me from the mouth of the lions;

C: You have heard me from the horns of the wild oxen.

M: They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

The second candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

PSALM 27

Antiphon

M: False witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.

M: The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?
C: **The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?**
M: When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh,
C: **When my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.**
M: Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear;
C: **Though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.**
M: One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek:
C: **That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.**
M: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
C: **He will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.**
M: Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me;
C: **At his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**
M: Hear my voice when I call, O Lord.
C: **Be merciful to me and answer**
M: My heart says of you, “Seek his face!”
C: **Your face, LORD, I will seek.**
M: Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.
C: **Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior.**
M: Though my father and mother forsake me,
C: **The LORD will receive me.**
M: Teach me your way, O LORD;
C: **Lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.**
M: Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,
C: **For false witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.**
M: I am still confident of this:
C: **I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.**
M: Wait for the LORD;
C: **Be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.**
M: False witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.

The third candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

SEEK THE LORD Isaiah 55:6-11

M: Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near.
Let the wicked forsake his way
and the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on him,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.
“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord.
“As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
“As the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return to it without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty;
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

The fourth candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

STAND

HYMN: “*Sing My Tongue, the Glorious Battle*”

CW 122

BE SEATED

LESSONS

M: A reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah the prophet.

Lamentations 1:1-5

How deserted lies the city, once so full of people!
How like a widow is she, who once was great among the nations!
She who was queen among the provinces has now become a slave.

Bitterly she weeps at night, tears are upon her cheeks.
Among all her lovers there is none to comfort her.
All her friends have betrayed her; they have become her enemies.

After affliction and harsh labor, Judah has gone into exile.
She dwells among the nations; she finds no resting place.
All who pursue her have overtaken her in the midst of her distress.

The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to her appointed feasts.
All her gateways are desolate, her priests groan,
her maidens grieve, and she is in bitter anguish.

Her foes have become her masters; her enemies are at ease.
The Lord has brought her grief because of her many sins.
Her children have gone into exile, captive before the foe.

M: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

C: (sung) **Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross did suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, yourself to scorn did offer.
All sins you carried for us, else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! (CW 268:1)**

M: A reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah the prophet.

Lamentations 1:6-9

All the splendor has departed from the Daughter of Zion.
Her princes are like deer that find no pasture;
in weakness they have fled before the pursuer.

In the days of her affliction and wandering, Jerusalem remembers all the treasures that were
hers in days of old.

When her people fell into enemy hands there was no one to help her.
Her enemies looked at her and laughed at her destruction.

Jerusalem has sinned greatly and so has become unclean.
All who honored her despise her nakedness;
she herself groans and turns away.

Her filthiness clung to her skirts; she did not consider her future.
Her fall was astounding; there was none to comfort her.
'Look, O Lord, on my affliction, for the enemy has triumphed.'

M: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

C: (sung) **Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross did suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Yourself to scorn did offer.
All sins you carried for us, else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! (CW 268:2)**

M: A reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah the prophet.

Lamentations 1:10-14

The enemy laid hands on all her treasures;
she saw pagan nations enter her sanctuary—
those you had forbidden to enter your assembly.

All her people groan as they search for bread;
they barter their treasures for food to keep themselves alive.
‘Look, O Lord, and consider, for I am despised.

‘Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look around and see.
Is any suffering like my suffering that was inflicted on me,
that the Lord brought on me in the day of his fierce anger?

‘From on high he sent fire, sent it down into my bones.
He spread a net for my feet and turned me back.
He made me desolate, faint all the day long.

‘My sins have been bound into a yoke;
by his hands they were woven together.
They have come upon my neck and the Lord has sapped my strength.
He has handed me over to those I cannot withstand.’

M: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

C: (sung) **Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross did suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Yourself to scorn did offer.
All sins You carried for us, else had despair reigned o’er us:
Your peace be with us, O Jesus! (CW 268:3)**

SERMON: The Alpha and the Omega John 19:30

STAND

SONG OF MARY: “*My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord*” Hymn 274

BE SEATED

The fifth candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

The SENTENCE is said or sung.

M: Christ became obedient for us unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has exalted him to the highest place and given him the name that is above every name.

LORD’S PRAYER

PSALM 51

M: Have mercy upon me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions, and my sin always before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.
Surely I have been a sinner from birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.
Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.
Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.
Then will I teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.
Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.
O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
In your good pleasure make Zion prosper; build up the walls of Jerusalem.
Then there will be righteous sacrifices, whole burnt offerings to delight you; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

The sixth candle is extinguished.

CHOIR: *“Power of the Cross”*

O to see the dawn of the darkest day;
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.
This the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath;
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees;
Now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life,
“Finished!” the victory cry.
This the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath;

We stand forgiven at the cross.

O to see my name written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love!
This the power of the cross: Son of God, slain for us.
What a love, what a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.

The seventh candle is carried from the chancel.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Silence for meditation.

A loud noise representing the opening of Christ's tomb is heard and the seventh candle is returned to burn in the chancel.

The minister exits the chancel.

The congregation may remain for prayer and meditation before dispersing quietly.

The service concludes with no blessing or postlude because Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter are one continuous service of our Lord's Passion and Resurrection

Communion is a part of worship today. Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith we practice close communion. All WELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with the pastor or an elder before communing.

If it is possible and convenient to you, please return the service folder to the stands by the doors in the rear of church as you leave. They will be used on Saturday evening and Sunday and may be taken home Sunday.

The Three Holy Days continues on Saturday. Easter Vigil worship will be at 7:30 p.m. Communion will be a part of worship.

Easter Vigil Worship

March 30, 2013

In the early church the Easter Vigil was when the catechumens were baptized and received their first Communion. Baptism remains a central focus in the Vigil today. Even when there are no baptisms the congregation takes the time to remember their own baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. The service traditionally was held late at night so that the pastor's statement, "Alleluia! Christ is Risen" and the people's response would be at midnight.



SERVICE OF LIGHT

The congregation gathers in entry and outside the open doors (weather permitting). Those who do not wish to process into the church may be seated. Those processing are given candles to be lit later from the paschal candle.

The paschal candle is a sign of the presence of the risen Christ among us.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, we are gathered here in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

M: O God, you are like a refiner's fire, and your Spirit kindles the hearts of your faithful people with the fire of your love. Bless, we ask you, this new flame and those who keep this joyful Easter festival. Burning with desire for life with you, may we be found rightly prepared to share in the Feast of Light which has no end, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The candlebearer presents the paschal candle.

M: Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever, the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega. His are time and eternity; his are the glory and dominion now and forever. By his wounds we are healed now and forever.

As the paschal candle is lit from the final candle of the Tenebrae service, the minister says:

M: May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.

M: Almighty and most merciful Father, once we were darkness, but now we are light in Jesus Christ our Lord. Bless abundantly all who joyfully celebrate this night in faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Fill them with your heavenly blessing in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

All light their candles from the paschal candle. After your candle is lit, please walk up the outside aisles of the church. Remain in the aisle until the paschal candle held by the candlebearer, proceeds up the center aisle. Then, all follow the candle in the center aisle in procession into the dark church.

As the procession begins, the candlebearer holds the paschal candle aloft, pauses and says:

M: The light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Halfway to the altar, the candlebearer pauses and says the second time:

M: The light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

When the candlebearer arrives before the altar, he faces the congregation, lifts the candle, and says the third time:

M: The light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

The candlebearer places the paschal candle in its stand in the center of the chancel. Standing in its light the minister or an assistant sings or says:

EXSULTET

solo

Rejoice now, all you heav'nly choirs of angels; rejoice now, all creation; sound forth, trumpet of salvation, and proclaim the triumph of our King.

Rejoice, too, all the earth, in the radiance of the light now poured upon you and made brilliant by the brightness of the everlasting King; know that the ancient darkness has been forever banished.

Rejoice, O Church of Christ, clothed in the brightness of this light; let all this house of God ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of all God's faithful people.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places, with all our hearts and minds and voices, praise you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, and your one and only Son, Jesus Christ.

C: For he is the true Paschal Lamb, who offered himself for the sin of the world, who cleansed us by the shedding of his precious blood.

M: This is the night when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt and led them through the Red Sea on dry ground.

C: This is the night when all who believe in Christ are delivered from bondage to sin and are restored to life and immortality.

M: This is the night when Christ, the Life, arose from the dead. The seal of the grace is broken and the morning of the new creation breaks forth out of the night.

C: Oh, how wonderful and beyond all telling is your mercy toward us, O God, that to redeem a slave you gave your Son.

M: How holy is this night when all wickedness is put to flight and sin is washed away.

C: How holy is this day when innocence is restored to the fallen and joy is given to those downcast.

M: How blessed is this night when man is reconciled to God in Christ. Holy Father, accept now the evening sacrifices of our thanksgiving and praise. Let Christ, the true Light and Morning Star, shine in our hearts, he who gives light to all creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

SERVICE OF LESSONS

The congregation extinguishes its candles. A few lights in the nave may be turned on.

M: On this most holy night, our Savior Christ the Lord broke the power of death and by his resurrection brought life and salvation to all creation. Let us praise the Lord, for he truly keeps his word. The sun of righteousness has dawned on those sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death.

CREATION

Genesis 1:1-2:3

M: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, you most wonderfully created human nature and yet more wonderfully redeemed it. By your mercy renew us in the image of him who came to share our humanity, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA

Exodus 14:10-15:1

M: Let us pray.

C: O God, you once delivered your people Israel from slavery under Pharaoh and led them safely through the Red Sea. By this you gave us a picture of Baptism. Lead us always to rejoice in your baptismal promise, that we may live in its grace and declare to all people your desire to make them children of Abraham, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A NEW HEART AND A NEW SPIRIT

Ezekiel 36:24-28

M: Let us pray.

C: Almighty and everlasting God, in the miracle of Easter you raised your Son for our justification and through him have given us a new heart and spirit. Give power to your holy people to show in their lives what they confess with their lips, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Zephaniah 3:12-20

M: Let us pray.

C: O Lord, let all the world see that what has been cast down is raised up, what has grown old is made new, and the work you have begun in your faithful people is being brought to joyful fulfillment in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Stand and sing:

The hymn is sung as the paschal candle is carried to the font.

HYMN

CW 260 *Let All Things Now Living*

**Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished And darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.**

**His law he enforces; The stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine.
The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We, too, should be voicing Our love and rejoicing.
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"**

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

M: On this holiest of days, the whole church of our Lord Jesus Christ recalls his death and burial, rejoicing in the gospel of his glorious resurrection from the dead. Holy Baptism is the precious

means of grace by which our Father in heaven connects us with Christ in his life, death, and resurrection. The apostle Paul says,

“Don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God, In the same way count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus”

HYMN

CW 299 All Who Believe And Are Baptized

If there are candidates for Holy Baptism, they gather at the font. We continue on p. 12. After the baptisms, the Vigil continues with the Service of Holy Communion.

If there are no candidates for Holy Baptism, the congregation joins in the following renunciation and profession of faith as a remembrance of their baptisms.

STAND

M: In Holy Baptism, God takes away our sins and gives us new life in Christ our Lord. We solemnly renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways; we confess the gift of faith in God the father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I ask you: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

C: Yes, and I ask God to help me.

M: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

**C: Yes, I believe in God the father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

M: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

**C: Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

M: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C: Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

M: Do you intend to continue in this faith, to be diligent in the use of Word and sacrament and in faith and action remain true to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as long as you live?

C: Yes, and I ask God to help me.

M: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins, strengthen you with his grace to life everlasting.

C: Amen.

The paschal candle is returned to its stand.

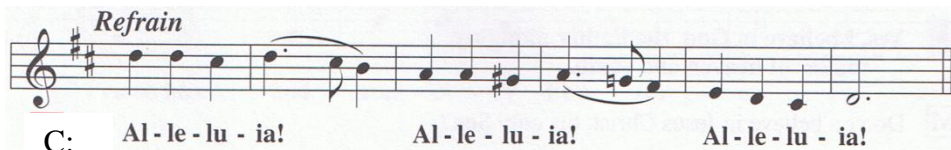
SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

The altar candles are lit from the paschal candle. The lights of the church are fully lit, the bells may be rung, and the minister proclaims:

M: ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!

C: HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

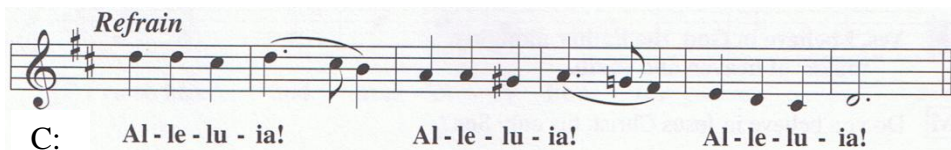
Refrain



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.
This is the day the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Refrain



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

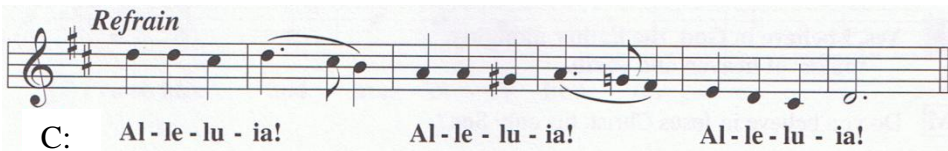
GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O God, who made this most holy night shine with the glory of the resurrection of our Lord, preserve in all your people the Spirit of adoption which you have given, that they may serve you in faith and joy, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (sung)

C: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.
You are my God and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks, for you have become my salvation.

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

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*Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain (CW 142)
The Day of Resurrection (CW 166)*

THANKSGIVING

STAND

THANK THE LORD (sung)

**C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'ryone what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He renews his promises and leads the people forth in joy with shouts
of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

M: Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

The Vigil service traditionally does not include a benediction.

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won (CW 145:4,5)

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The Three Holy Days continues on Sunday. Easter Sunrise worship will be at 6:30 a.m. Easter Festival worship will be at 9:00 a.m. Communion will be a part of worship at both services.

Easter Sunrise Worship

March 31, 2013

This early dawn we wait and watch for our Lord to rescue us from our bondage to death by his resurrection from the grave. The Paschal candle burns as a symbol of the resurrected Christ and as a reminder from Friday's Tenebrae: Hell cannot overcome Jesus the Light of the world.



CHOIR

“Alleluia”

OPENING HYMN

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia” (CW 150)

STAND

M: The Lord is risen, as he said!

C: Come and see the place where he lay.

M: This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

C: Go and tell quickly the news of his triumph.

M: The Lord's mighty power has done it! His power has brought us victory, his mighty power in battle.

C: Come and see the place where he lay.

M: I will not die but live, and proclaim what the Lord has done.

C: Go and tell quickly the news of his triumph.

M: For Christ the Lord is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

(the congregation then sings CW 145: 1-2)

Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!

Death no longer can appall me.

Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!

From the grave Christ will recall me.

Brighter scenes will then commence;

This shall be my confidence

Jesus lives! To him the throne

High o'er heaven and earth is given.

I shall go where he is gone,

Live and reign with him in heaven.

God is faithful; doubtings hence!

This shall be my confidence

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O God, you made the dawn of this most holy day shine with the glory of our Lord's resurrection. Grant that we who have been raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: (spoken) **Amen.**

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 12:1-6

In that day you will say: "I will praise you, O LORD. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation." With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

In that day you will say: "Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 30 (page 43 CWS)

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed-- in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(the congregation then sings CW 145:4-5)

Jesus lives! I know full well

Nothing me from him shall sever,

Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell

Part me now from Christ forever.

God will be a sure defense;

This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! And now is death

But the gate to life immortal;

This shall calm my trembling breath

When I pass its gloomy portal.

Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:

"Jesus is my confidence!"

STAND

GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

Then the disciples went back to their homes, but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

"Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).

Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

BE SEATED

CHOIR

Christ Is Risen

SERMON

This is That Day

Isaiah 12:1-6

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

STAND

PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you

C: (sung) And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: (sung) We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: (sung) It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (sung)

**C: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.
You are my God and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks, for you have become my
salvation.**

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (sung) Amen.

BE SEATED

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*"Alleluia! Jesus Lives" (CW 153)
"Welcome, Happy Morning" (CW 163)*

THANKSGIVING

STAND

THANK THE LORD (sung)

**C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'ryone what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He renews his promises and leads the people forth in joy with shouts
of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

M: Hear the prayers of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son, may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) Amen.

BENEDICTION

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: (sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives" (CW 152:1,2,8)

If it is possible and convenient to you, please return the service folder to the ushers as you leave. They will be used for the Festival Service at 9:00 a.m. and may be taken home afterwards.

Easter Festival Worship

March 31, 2013

The Festival of the Resurrection of Our Lord is the high point of the Christian Church Year. We celebrate Christ's victory over death that is ours by faith. The Paschal Candle, as a symbolic reminder of the risen Christ, helps us to celebrate the fact that the darkness of sin and death has been overcome by the resurrection. The Paschal candle will burn throughout the Easter season until Ascension.



This morning we will use the Festival Setting of the Service of Word and Sacrament as it is printed in the service folder as our order of worship.

PRESERVICE:

Church Band

*Trumpet Tune
Faith Triumphant
Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

OPENING RESPONSES

STAND

M: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**C: (sung) Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.**

M: Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins

C: And he was raised to life for our justification!

M: This is the day the Lord has made!

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**C: (sung) Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks*

Hymn 154

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my

Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

O LORD, OUR LORD (sung)

C: **O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.**

Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love. You take away our sins; you comfort our spirit; you make us pure and holy in your sight. You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all.

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us; you made your Father known; you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the King of glory; you are the Lord!

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

BE SEATED

THE WORD

CHOIR ANTHEM

See What a Morning

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 15:1-11

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:

“I will sing to the LORD,
for he is highly exalted.
Both horse and driver

he has hurled into the sea.
“The LORD is my strength and my defense;
he has become my salvation.
He is my God, and I will praise him,
my father’s God, and I will exalt him.
The LORD is a warrior;
the LORD is his name.
Pharaoh’s chariots and his army
he has hurled into the sea.
The best of Pharaoh’s officers
are drowned in the Red Sea.
The deep waters have covered them;
they sank to the depths like a stone.
Your right hand, LORD,
was majestic in power.
Your right hand, LORD,
shattered the enemy.
“In the greatness of your majesty
you threw down those who opposed you.
You unleashed your burning anger;
it consumed them like stubble.
By the blast of your nostrils
the waters piled up.
The surging waters stood up like a wall;
the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea.
The enemy boasted,
‘I will pursue, I will overtake them.
I will divide the spoils;
I will gorge myself on them.
I will draw my sword
and my hand will destroy them.’
But you blew with your breath,
and the sea covered them.
They sank like lead
in the mighty waters.
Who among the gods
is like you, LORD?
Who is like you—
majestic in holiness,
awesome in glory,
working wonders?

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

VERSE OF THE DAY CHOIR

This is the Day

STAND

GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ” Then they remembered his words.

When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (sung) **Praise be to you O Christ!**

BE SEATED

HYMN: *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

Hymn 152

verse 1: all

verse 2: men

verse 3: women

verse 4: all

verse 5: choir

verse 6: all

verse 7: all

(stand) verse 8: all

SERMON

The Light

John 20:1,2,11-18

CHOIR

Jesus, Name Above All Names

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING:

Antiphonal Celebration Church Band

STAND

PRAYER

M: Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

C: Christ is risen!

M: For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.

C: He is risen indeed!

M: He was delivered over to death for our sins, and raised to life for our justification.

C: Alleluia!

M: We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power which raised him from the dead.

C: We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.

M: Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

C: You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.

M: With the church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt.

C: You are risen!

M: Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to you for rest, knowing that because of your perfect redemption there is now no condemnation for us.

C: You are risen indeed!

M: Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.

C: Alleluia!

M: Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord.

C: We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.

M: Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

C: He is risen!

M: As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

C: He is risen indeed!

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of our God and of the Lamb.

C: Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: (sung) And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: (sung) We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: (sung) It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: (sung) Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

You are my God and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks for you have become my salvation.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

C: (sung) **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. Amen.**

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

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"Awake My Heart With Gladness" Hymn 156

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" Hymn 141

"Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands" Hymn 720 CWS

THANKSGIVING

STAND

THANK THE LORD (sung)

C: **Thank the Lord and sing his praise.**

Tell ev'ryone what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.

**He renews his promises and leads the people forth in joy with shouts
of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

M: Hear the prayers of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son, may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: (sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN: *He is Arisen! Glorious Word*

Hymn 162

POSTLUDE: Church Band

Trumpet Voluntary

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 623 (506, 117) **Lent:** 127 (121, 96) **Youth Study:** 22

Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	School Board
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History Class, grades 1-5
	8:00 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Ministry Priority Meeting, church
	7:00 p.m.	Worship
	8:00 p.m.	Ministry Priority Meeting, church
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Wedding
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Adult Christ Light Class, church
	8:00 a.m.	Heaven and Hell Study, commons
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Aid, church
	10:00 a.m.	Athletic Association, church
	10:00 a.m.	Ministry Priority Meeting, school (5meetings at same time)
	7:00 p.m.	Book Study, chapter 6 (page 82 and following)

Thank you to all our organists, accompanists, instrumentalists, band members soloists, and choir members who used their musical gifts to enrich our worship life this year during Holy Week. Your service to the Lord is greatly appreciated.

Thank you also to the many members who served behind the scenes in various ways to enrich our worship life this year during Holy Week: ushers, those who stripped the altar, those who assisted at Tenebrae, those who assisted in the Easter Vigil, those who rang the bell, and those who copied and collated this booklet. Your service to the Lord is also greatly appreciated!

Book Study Bible Study will not meet this evening. We will discuss page 82 and following of chapter 6 next Sunday at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday afternoon Bible study will meet this week.

Worship Committee will meet this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Priority in Ministry Meetings Please take about 45 minutes of your time to attend one of our Priority in Ministry Meetings during the month of April. This week we will offer meetings before and after Thursday worship. We will also have five meetings at the same time next Sunday in the school after worship. Please join us and help us set our ministry priorities!

Heaven and Hell Bible Study will meet next Sunday at 8:00 a.m. in the commons. We will look at “You Can Be Sure of Eternal Life.” Join us and bring the family!

Adult Christ Light Bible class will meet next Sunday at 8:00 a.m. in the church basement.

Ladies Aid will meet next Sunday after worship. New members are welcome.

Athletic Association will meet next Sunday after worship.

Ladies of All Ages Our Ladies Aid invites you to join us in the commons on Thursday, April 11 at 6:00 pm for a Spring Tea Party.

Shepherd Ministry Meeting The next quarterly Shepherd Ministry Meeting will be Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m. Please make plans to join us. A meal will be served as a thank you to our shepherds at 6:30, followed by our meeting.

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